

| MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS                |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron | 114.0 |
| Monthly flying-hour contract        | 72.2  |
| Hours flown                         | -41.8 |
| Monthly offset                      |       |
| 33rd Rescue Squadron                | 222.0 |
| Monthly flying-hour contract        | 136.3 |
| Hours flown                         | -85.7 |
| Monthly offset                      |       |
| 909th Air Refueling Squadron        | 455.0 |
| Monthly flying-hour contract        | 470.3 |
| Hours flown                         | 15.3  |
| Monthly offset                      |       |
| 44th Fighter Squadron               | 309.0 |
| Monthly sortie contract             | 211.0 |
| Sorties flown                       | -98.0 |
| Monthly offset                      |       |
| 67th Fighter Squadron               | 64.0  |
| Monthly sortie contract             | 52.0  |
| Sorties flown                       | -12.0 |
| Monthly offset                      |       |

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 1

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**WEEKEND WEATHER**  
**TODAY:** Mostly Cloudy  
N to NW winds @ 15 knots  
High: 61 Low: 54

**SATURDAY:** Mostly Cloudy  
NW winds @ 15 knots  
High: 55 Low: 48

**SUNDAY:** Mostly Cloudy  
NE winds @ 10 knots  
High: 63 Low: 52

**FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES**  
BUYING: \$1=¥102 SELLING: ¥107-¥1

## Lt. Gen. Wright takes 5th AF helm

By Maj. Eric Hilliard  
5th AF Public Affairs

U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force welcomed a new commander, Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, in February.

General Wright became the 21st general officer to hold the title of USFJ commander and the 34th general officer to command HQ 5th Air Force. During the change of command ceremony, in which the former vice commander of Air Combat Command became the ranking officer for all Japan-based U.S. military forces, General Wright said being back in Japan feels more like a homecoming.

"It's good to be back," he said. His previous tours in Japan include assignments as the commander of Misawa Air Base's 35th Fighter Wing, the director of operations for U.S. Forces Japan at Yokota Air Base, and an F-4 instructor pilot with the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base.

After the ceremony, General Wright took some time out to talk with U.S. military reporters about what the men and women of USFJ and 5th Air Force should expect from their new commander. "First and foremost," the commander said, "I want you to know that it is an honor to serve with you and it is an honor to lead you—the forces of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force."

General Wright said his priorities are people, commitment to professionalism, and combat readiness, and explained how each factor has an impact on the others. "My philosophy is that if we put our people first, then all else will get done, and done well," he explained.

"I expect absolute commitment to joint and bilateral combat readiness, and an unwavering commitment to the highest levels of professionalism—24 hours a day," he said. "Our values define who we are; they underpin everything that we do and everything we are able to do and bring to the mission here in Japan."

When asked how his experiences in ACC helped prepare him for his new job in the Pacific, the general explained, "ACC is the lead command in the Air Force for our combat air forces. For the past three years, ACC has supported [Pacific Air Forces] and [Pacific Command] and the deployment of forces—in particular, air forces. That has been a big part of what I have been doing over the past three years," he said. "I have been involved with the modernization of our forces, to include programs like the F/A-22, supporting joint operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and other combat readiness initiatives that have come across my desk. I believe that experience gives me a unique perspective on what's possible and what we can and should be doing here in Japan and the Pacific region in support of PACOM and PACAF."

General Wright, an Airman with 30-plus years in the service, is also a firm believer in joint operations. "I've been doing this for a number of years and I have a good understanding of joint warfighting. Wherever we go in the world, we will be working in a joint and coalition environment," he said.

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# Dining facility renovations improve Airmen quality of life



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister  
Airman Michael Annini, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron flight medic, enjoys lunch at the Marshall Dining Facility Monday. The 18th Services Squadron completed a \$60,000 renovation project Feb. 23, significantly improving the facility's ambiance and utility through a 'sports bar' decor and cyber-cafe services.

By Senior Airman  
Anna Fitzhorn  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen can now enjoy a more modern-day sports-bar motif while dining at the Kadena Marshall Dining Facility thanks to a \$60,000 renovation project completed Feb. 23.

According to Jay Fountain, the 18th Services Squadron facility project assistant, the inside of the dining facility was totally renovated. "The old cafeteria-style interior is gone and instead the facility now resembles a modern-day restaurant," he said.

To turn the "cafeteria" into a "restaurant," two cyber-cafes with a total of four internet-accessible computers were added, as well as guitars, saxophones and a full drum set, plus original artwork, all to help create the musical/sports

bar theme. The facility also put in two "sports-bar-like" recessed dining areas complete with a wall of five TV's each.

Even with the new look, the facility is still just for Airmen. Airman 1st Class Kimberly Drummond, 18th SVS food production chef, said she's heard Airmen haven't been sitting in the upper sections because they think it's for distinguished visitors. "Totally not true," she said. "The upper levels are for all customers to use. The renovation was to make the dining facility more appealing to all Airmen, not to exclude them."

"That says a lot about the planning, and quality of life emphasis, which went into this renovation," said Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, "and it sends the right message—our Airmen are the DVs."

The renovation project was esti-

mated to cost more than \$145,000, but with self-help from the 18th SVS Maintenance and Contracting Team, 18th Civil Engineer Group and numerous volunteers, the facility was able to save more than \$80,000 in the renovation work.

Fountain said the goal of the project was to make the facility more attractive and inviting to its clientele.

"We had a vision of how [Airmen] wanted it to look and we created that for them," he said. "The work was for those Airmen who come here day in and day out."

Airman 1st Class Lindsay Shaw, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron aircraft structural maintenance, said she likes the new look. "It makes it easier for those who want to sit, eat and relax, as well as for those who want to sit, eat and get out," she said.

## Chief Camac takes over as 18th Wing command chief

The 18th Wing welcomed its new command chief master sergeant when Chief Master Sgt. Clinton Camac arrived at Kadena Saturday.

Chief Camac was formerly the 99th Air Base Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

As Kadena's command chief, Chief Camac is responsible for issues affecting nearly 4,600

enlisted Airmen in the 18th Wing.

The 24-year Air Force veteran has also served as the command chief at the 13th Air Force and 36th Air Base Wing, Andersen AFB, Guam.

Look for the feature article on Chief Camac's goals in next week's Kadena Shogun newspaper.

Compiled from staff reports



# Applying AF core values to daily life

By Col. H. Brent Baker, Sr.  
18th Mission Support Group commander

One of the most critical leadership attributes for all Air Force members is the ability to make sound decisions -- regardless of current duty status. We are always on duty. To me, the Air Force core values directly apply to the decision-making process and are the filters we should use to help guide our decisions. The Air Force values Airmen who learn, apply and improve upon sound decision-making skills. Applying our core values to decisions is fundamental to this process and will make each Airman more valuable to the team.

Integrity first in decision making. Integrity is actually the pillar by which we build sound decisions. If decision making is the core of how we execute our lives, both on and off duty, then you must ask yourself, "Do I have the courage to make the right decisions even when no one is watching? Do I take personal responsibility to do the right thing, to follow proper procedures, apply self control, and act responsibly?" In the old days we would say this is a "gut check." The proper thought process is totally based on integrity.

Here's an example where integrity was not used in the decision-making process. An individual in my group recently received a DUI. The individual initially made the correct decision after drinking alcohol to have his "Wingman" and designated driver take him home. However, once the individual was home, he then chose to drive his vehicle on base. He was stopped at a security

forces checkpoint and apprehended for DUI. This person made the decision to drive while intoxicated rather than take a taxi, ask his Wingman, call his first sergeant, or utilize numerous other options.

Faced with all the correct choices, he decided instead to drink and drive. This Airman knew the rules but, rather than doing the right thing, he pushed the "right thing to do" aside and ignored what integrity demanded. He made the wrong decision...not just for himself but also for Team Kadena. When it was time for the "gut check" he opted to ignore the rules. There was no integrity in this decision.

Service before self as a part of the decision-making process. Excellent decision making includes placing professional duties and needs of others ahead of personal desires. Can you imagine what kind of world we would live in if we all placed our own needs ahead of other people's needs? Self-sacrifice is a noble trait of a professional Airman. It also means following rules and procedural guidance. Professionals understand that rules have a reason for existing; they are time-tested processes that may have already been lessons learned the hard way.

Not following rules, such as technical orders, not only jeopardizes the mission, but can also jeopardize personal safety and the safety of others. The individual in my group who ignored the rules for drinking and driving displayed no regard for service before self. This Airman chose to serve his own personal convenience with complete disregard for

the safety of others. It should truly frighten us all when we have members who know the rules but say to themselves, "Hey, I know the rules but my personal desires are more important than the safety of my teammates." Service before self means choosing the safety of others ahead of our personal needs, especially when it comes to drinking and driving.

Excellence in all we do includes decision-making. Our core expertise in the Air Force is "readiness" because we are called upon to fight and win our nation's wars. Because of our calling, our standards must be higher than those of society at large. Excellence in decision making leads to excellent mission execution. The path to excellent decision making includes: utilizing operational risk management, evaluating facts, reviewing options, seeking the advice and experience of others and assessing potential impacts, both short and long term. Excellence in decision making is the same on and off duty. If you are cutting corners outside the work environment, chances are you are doing the same on duty. In my opinion, an individual that chooses to disobey the law and drink and drive off duty is most likely willing to disobey procedures on duty. This is not excellence in decision making.

Take responsibility not only for your decisions, but also for your decision-making thought process. After all, how we live our lives is based on the decisions we make each and every day. The Air Force core values can help us all to make the proper decisions.

## Don't drink and drive

A Kadena airman first class from the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was convicted of driving while intoxicated with a breath-alcohol content of .129 percent. He was demoted to airman basic, received a \$600 fine, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.



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Brig. Gen.  
Jan-Marc Jous  
18th Wing  
commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

## Gate 5 traffic light

I am almost sure that nobody has adjusted the timer on the stop-light inside Gate 5. With the increased traffic flow, the green light for the straight traffic (Gate 5 to PSC 80) should be increased. The traffic in this direction far exceeds traffic flow in the perpendicular direction. While the great folks at Civil Engineer are at it...the same thing would apply for the light next to the bowling alley.

Also, the temporary guard shack at Gate 5 is blocking one outbound lane. This makes outgoing traffic a nightmare. There is a grassy area on the side of the street. Can we move the shack?

Thank you for your question and concern -- I appreciate your willingness to help. Before we started the gate project Kadena's engineers considered our traffic options, bearing in mind that every change can have a domino effect on traffic patterns both upstream and downstream. We've already made adjustments in several areas after finding out that our original estimates and plans weren't optimum for actual conditions. The traffic light

you refer to (Vincent and Schreiber) receives a tremendous amount of traffic flow in all directions now that Gates 1 and 2 are closed. The traffic patterns at this light (as well as other lighted intersections along Schreiber Avenue) have been studied on numerous occasions, both prior and subsequent to the current gate closures. The light's current timing has been altered to the maximum extent to allow the greatest volume of traffic through the light without creating additional problems at other intersections on base and off. The unfortunate reality is that there are three primary arterials converging into one -- both coming in and going out of Gate 5. This gate was not originally designed to bear the bulk of commuter traffic for the base. You bring up a good point about the temporary gate guard building at Gate 5, but it needs to remain where it is to provide power, communications, ready access to traffic, and shelter for our gate personnel. I realize this is a difficult situation for many people, and I ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we work through the renovation process that will make entry onto Kadena more efficient and secure in the long-term.



## SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Master Sgt. Steven Mandell

18th Wing Manpower and Organization, manpower analyst  
Hometown: Hollywood, FL.

Reason for nomination: Sergeant Mandell has repeatedly raised the bar of excellence. He constantly provides outstanding support to customers using leadership skills and superior knowledge. He's a perfect example for others to emulate.

Time at Kadena: 1 year, 3 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.*

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know -- People fail to recognize alcohol's handicapping effects. Some drinkers mistakenly think that alcohol improves their driving ability. It doesn't. You won't become a NASCAR driver after drinking. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-2233**.

**ESTATE CLAIMS:** Capt. Joseph Taylor was appointed Summary Court Officer in the interest of Airman 1st Class Mark Ezell. If there are any claims against the estate, contact Captain Taylor on the global address list or call **634-3027**.

**24-HOUR HELP LINE:** The Joint Services Help Line is available for people who need to talk to someone about stress, depression, abuse, parenting, or other issues. Call the help line at **634-HELP(4357)** or **938-0992** from off-base telephones. Call the abuse line at **634-3123**. Teens can get help by calling **634-CARE(2273)**.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** Did you know-- The average office is unoccupied 113 hours a week or 67 percent of the time. Turning off office lights at the end of the day saves thousands of dollars a year and prevents pollution. Do your part and flip the switch at the end of the day.

**SCHOOLHOUSE OF ROCK AUDITIONS:** The Pacific Okinawa Players will hold an audition **today** for ages 8 to 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Foster Community Center's Performing Arts auditorium for a produc-

tion of School House of Rock. Auditioners need to be prepared to learn a song and be dressed to dance.

**SUICIDE BRIEFING:** The Life Skills Support Center will host suicide and violence awareness briefings **Wednesday** at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Keystone Theater.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST:** Join the Rocker NCO Club for a Women's History Month kickoff breakfast **Wednesday** at 7:30 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom. Call **634-3366** to register, or contact Capt. Shuree Gillespie or 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg on the global address list for more details.

**MUNITIONS SQUADRON CLOSURE:** The 18th Munitions Squadron is conducting an inventory until **March 11**. Only emergency issue requests submitted in writing and approved by a group commander, or equivalent, will be processed. Contact 18th MUNS at **632-5309/5066**.

**OPERATION KUDOS:** The Kids Understanding Deployment Operations kicks off **March 12** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for children ages 5 to 18. Children will learn what happens when their parent deploys, and will process through a deployment line, receive dog tags and IDs, view tent exhibits, radios, masks and other displays. Kids can wear mom or dad's battle dress uniform or desert camouflage uniform shirts. To find out more information, or to register, call the Family Support Center at **634-**

**7567**.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES:** Military registration for the University of Maryland and Central Texas College will be held **March 14-18**. Airmen interested in receiving tuition assistance must submit the required forms to the Kadena Education Office **Monday** to **Wednesday** between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. before registration. Forms can be picked up at the education office, Bldg. 59, 3rd floor, or at <https://www.afvec.langley.af.mil>. Call **634-1500** for more information.

**EASTER CANTATA:** Join rehearsals and sing or help provide child care for the choir performance of "Shout for Joy" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **every Monday** at Chapel 1. The performance will be held **March 26-27**. Call **633-1295** for more details.

**HELP LINE TRAINING:** A joint services 24-Hour Help Line Training class will be held **April 9** and **April 16** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center to provide non-directive counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals training. Anyone of SOFA status ages 20 years and older may register until **March 28**. Participants must attend both days. Call **634-0684** for more details.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Applications are being accepted for Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club scholarships through **March 30**. KESC will award a minimum of six \$1,000 scholarships to students and spouses of enlisted members that are

currently enrolled in college or post-secondary education. For more information contact Master Sgt. Leroy Sapp on the global address list or Lisa Hunt at [hunt2000@oasis.mediatti.net](mailto:hunt2000@oasis.mediatti.net).

◆ The Kadena Officers Spouses Club scholarship program is available to college students who are SOFA status dependents of active-duty or retired Airmen of any rank, or any member of the KOSC in good standing. Applications may be picked up at the KOSC Gift Corner or the Kadena Library and must be received by **March 31**. Call **633-6705** for more details.

**SUMMERHIRE PROGRAM:** Applications for the 2005 Kadena Summer Hire Program can be picked up and turned in at the civilian personnel flight, Bldg. 721-A, second floor, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday until **April 28**. SOFA dependents of military and civilian employees ages 14 through 22 are eligible to apply. Employment will begin July 11 and end Aug. 5. Call **634-1358** for more information.

**FINANCE PHONE LINE:** Call the Finance "Contact Center" at **634-1415** for routine military pay related questions. The customer service phone line will be manned during normal service hours. Questions may also be sent to "18 CPTS/customer inquiries" found on the global. Customers can also find more information on military pay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

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## KADENA SPOTLIGHTS

Congratulations to the following award winners from Class 05-C Airman Leadership School:

- Levitow Award: **Senior Airman Stewart D'Leon**
- Academic Achievement: **Senior Airman Justin Kelso**
- Distinguished Graduates: **Senior Airman Caren Price, Senior Airman Cami Bruns, Senior Airman Randall Kinker, Senior Airman William Sherwood, Senior Airman Justin Kelso**
- Leadership Award: **Senior Airman Caren Price**

Congratulations to the following graduates of the NCO Academy Class 05-2:

- Tech. Sergeants:** Glen Caron, Rejeana Freeman, Ronald Hay, Tina Martinez, Dennis O'Grady, Jeffery Perry, David Alm, James Choyce, Vincent Johnson, James Manglona, Diane Patton, Michael Rice, Angela Suvill, Michael Arms, Raymond Lovell, Ray Martinez, Brian McWatters, Travis Snaza, Henry Stone, Mary Johnson, Robert Leveille, Ger-vase McCoy, John Muller, Christopher Neufeld, Roberta Pereira, Christopher Ray, Thomas Weis, Peter Bruns, Jeremy Delawder, Carlomagno Erhardt, Gabriel Gonzalez, Karl Kile, David McGonigal, Shon Moore; and Staff Sgt. Teena Crain
- Distinguished Graduates: **Tech. Sgt. Diane Patton, Tech. Sgt. Karl Kine**
  - Commandant's Award: **Tech. Sgt. Gabriel Gonzalez**

Congratulations to the *909th Air Refueling Squadron* and the *18th Air Evacuation Squadron*, selected to represent Pacific Air Forces in the 2005 Air Force Association Aerospace Awards David C. Schilling category for most outstanding contribution in the field of flight.

Congratulations to **Ronnie Kirby** of the *18th Wing* who was selected to represent Pacific Air Forces in the 2005 Air Force Association Outstanding Air Force Civilian of the Year Awards in the civilian program manager category.

Congratulations to the *718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron* and the *18th Maintenance Operations Squadron* for winning Pacific Air Forces 2004 Maintenance Effectiveness Awards within their categories.

Category 5 -- Aircraft Maintenance (Medium): *718th AMS*  
Category 8 -- Logistics Support Squadron (MOS): *18th MOS*

Congratulations to **Capt. Adam R. M. Smith** of the *67th Fighter Squadron*, who was selected to represent Pacific Air Forces in the 2005 Aerospace Awards, Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award category for most outstanding contribution in the field of aerospace education or training.

Congratulations to the following 2004 Pacific Air Forces Medical Awards selections:

- Aerospace Physiology Awards:  
Company Grade Officer -- **1st Lt. Carrie A. Zuene**, *18th Medical Group*; Senior NCO -- **Master Sgt. Joseph J. Duntelman**, *18th Medical Group*; NCO -- **Tech. Sgt. Troy Trevino**, *18th Medical Group*
- Bioenvironmental Engineering Awards:  
Senior NCO -- **Master Sgt. Valerie D. Richardson**, *18th Medical Group*; NCO -- **Staff Sgt. Jennifer S. Wells**, *18th Medical Group*

Congratulations to the *18th LRS* for winning the Pacific Air Forces 2004 Daedalian Major General Warren R. Carter Logistics Readiness Award.

Congratulations to the *18th Wing* Combat Decompression Program for being selected as an Air Force Best Practice.

Congratulations to the following 2004 Pacific Air Forces Media Contest winners:

- Master Sgt. Adam Johnston** -- 1st Place, Print Journalist of the Year, and 1st Place, Series, for exercise Bravo 2004.
- Staff Sgt. Jason Lake** -- 1st Place, Photojournalism, for photos of Kadena volunteers teaching at Kitami Elementary School.
- Senior Airman Michael Pallazola** -- 3rd Place, Contribution by a Stringer Photographer, for a photo of Gen. Jeffery Remington 'fini-flight' hose-down.

Congratulations to *The Kadena Shogun* for winning the Pacific Air Forces Best Tabloid Newspaper 2004.

Congratulations to **Susan Chandler** of the *18th Comptroller Squadron*, who was selected as the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces financial management and comptroller quarterly award winner.



Photos by Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



**SPRAY:** Airman 1st Class Adam Drake, an 18th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, tests a fire hose during a training session with Nirai Fire Department firefighters (left). About a dozen firefighters from Nirai fire department of Hijagaun--a merged organization of Yomitan, Chatan and Kadena Town Fire Departments--joined Kadena's 18th CES Fire Department in a training day recently. Kadena firefighters train with their local community counterparts regularly as a cooperative effort to sharpen skills and mutual support in the event of on- and off-base emergencies.

# 18th MXG top in PACAF

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Maintenance Group was named the best maintenance group in Pacific Air Forces 2004.

For the first time since it became a group as part of the wing reorganization in the summer of 2002, the 18th MXG was awarded the Clements McMullen Memorial Daedalian Weapon System Maintenance trophy.

Col. John Miller, 18th MXG commander, said the trophy reflects greatly on the more than 2,400 Airmen, civilians and local national employees that work in the group.

"I'm very proud of the hard

work of our maintainers over the past year," he said. "The fact that they can be recognized with such a prestigious honor such as this is well deserved.

"Being the best in PACAF is a great honor -- exemplifying the outstanding maintenance that our Airmen perform each and every day."

Last year, 18th MXG staff participated in four Air Expeditionary Force rotations that included support of 1,300 combat sorties while escorting 1,000 trucks in three days during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At home, maintenance workers supported 16 worldwide deployments - including several multinational and joint contin-

gencies such as Foal Eagle, Cope Thunder, Red Flag and Cobra Gold. The group also participated in six wing level exercises.

The 18th Wing flew more than 13,038 sorties equaling 23,975 flying hours surpassing the annual flying hour program's goal as a result of the 18th MXG's efforts. On an average day, 18th MXG delivered 30 aircraft for the flying schedule.

"Our primary reason for being here is to support air combat power in the Pacific theater," explained Col. John Miller. "Every day each Airman comes to work knowing today's the day that air power may be called upon for action. The only way to ensure that is to be sharp."

## AF e-mail addresses deleted from global

Compiled by staff reports

The Pacific Air Forces is implementing a server upgrade that will affect the Air Force Global Address List for the next three weeks.

During the upgrade, names and other non-PACAF bases will gradually disappear until only PACAF personnel e-mail addresses remain in the AFGAL. PACAF users will be able to send and receive e-mails using the PACAF address list, but will be unable to search for people outside PACAF as the rest of the Air Force will be eliminated.

Locally stored personal address books that were created using the original AFGAL will also fail during the upgrade.

PACAF personnel will be unable to successfully send an e-mail to contacts (outside PACAF) added to the 'contacts' or personal address book directly from the AFGAL. PACAF personnel will need to manually type the email address and save it until such time as the AFGAL is fully replicated.

To search for a person outside of PACAF, personnel can logon to the Air Force Portal and use the USAF White Pages within the Web page. This feature is located on the right hand corner of the page after logging in.

Once the AFGAL is fully replicated, all contacts will be entirely visible to personnel and e-mail usage will return to normal operations.

# Travel card info lost, no evidence of misuse

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About 900,000 Defense Department employees may be affected by the possible compromise of Bank of America's government travel card information, Pentagon officials said Feb. 25.

"The bank has been monitoring the accounts involved from the onset, and to date there has been no indication of fraudulent activity," said Teresa McKay, the Defense Department's deputy chief financial officer.

Secret Service agents are conducting an investigation, with help from the Defense

Criminal Investigative Service.

The information lost was on magnetic tape and contained personal cardholder information — names, Social Security numbers, addresses and account numbers.

"The bank is in the process of notifying cardholders of the situation," she said.

"If they would like, they may request that the bank cancel the card and reissue a card to them."

Bank of America has set up a hotline for those affected at (800) 493-8444. Cardholders who notice irregularities in their accounts should call the Bank of America at the number printed on the back of their cards, McKay said.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

## Checking in with the troops

Staff Sgt. Dustin Mabe (right) and Master Sgt. Jeff Johnson (middle), 390th Intelligence Squadron, greet Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander, during the general's site survey of three Kadena-based units under his command. Sergeant Mabe and Sergeant Johnson were chosen to welcome the general because they were named 390th IS enlisted aircrew members of the year. General Carlson went on to visit five other units under his command at other bases in the Pacific.

# WRIGHT

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He underscored his point by addressing the vital relationship the United States has with Japan and how our bilateral efforts proved very successful in operations like Enduring Freedom and Unified Assistance with historic deployments by the Japan Self Defense Force.

"The U.S.-Japan relationship is the most important alliance in the world at this point in history, he said. The relevance of our U.S.-Japan security relationship is founded on joint and bilateral military operational capability. By working closely together with our Japan Self Defense Force counterparts, we contribute in a unique and significant way to stability in this part of the world and defense of the sovereignty of our nations."

General Wright said that he is looking forward to working with his Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine counterparts. He acknowledged that working together can sometimes be challenging, but as all services become smaller, they will have to depend on each other much more. "We can't train, deploy, and employ effectively unless we do it jointly," he said.

Some additional challenges General Wright foresees include trying to continue to be as combat ready as possible and to be a good coalition partner. "All of our U.S. military services bring a lot of capability. The challenge is to work together, and it is critical that we do so," he said. "A related challenge is to work with our Japanese counterparts. We have proven that we can do it well and we have seen a

great return on the investment of time, leadership and effort in terms of maintaining stability in the region—but that does not mean it has been easy," the general said.

In talking about regional security, General Wright said that East Asia is challenging and unpredictable. "The military capabilities in this part of the world—in the hands of those who are not necessarily our

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allies—have grown substantially in the eight years that I have been gone. These capabilities have to give us pause and force us to constantly plan for the unexpected. We have to be ready for any consequence or contingency that might evolve in the region," he said.

General Wright also spoke of commitment: to ensuring the men and women of U.S. Forces Japan are committed to being professional, committed to taking care of each other and their families, and committed to zero safety-related mishaps and fatalities.

"Families are critical to everything we do, and I am absolutely committed to taking care of families," the general said. "If you can take care of the family, combat readiness requirements are more achievable. So it should not surprise you that my number one priority is our people," he said.

Along with taking care of families, General Wright expects everyone to do their part in being safe. "We cannot afford to lose even one of our military members. Every military member is singularly valuable," he explained. "We cannot afford accidents that destroy our outstanding people and the resources they need to accomplish our mission."

The way to ensure safety is constant and total commitment to professionalism, he said. "Safety programs are not effective because you have a safety officer. They are effective because of the chain of command's commitment to combat readiness. If you are serious about combat readiness, you are committed to 24/7 professionalism and you must be committed to taking care of your people and your weapon systems."

In keeping with the safety theme, General Wright explained that Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper set an Air Force safety goal of zero mishaps—a goal some who would say is unachievable.

"I believe that goal is very achievable," said General Wright. "You are all here today because every time you sit in a car, your goal is zero mishaps. I am here after flying airplanes for 30-plus years because every time I walked out to that airplane, my goal was zero mishaps. My goal when I get up in the morning is zero mishaps. When my wife and I get in a car together, our goal is zero mishaps."

Before the discussion concluded, General Wright reiterated how honored he was to be back in Japan—to work with and lead world-class Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen in his command. He also acknowledged that he and his wife Kerri are looking forward to rekindling previous relationships with the men and women of Japan. He concluded, "When you make friends here in Japan, they are your friends for the rest of your life."

## NEWS BRIEFS

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**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** The Life Skills Support Center is offering a LSSC representative to come to your unit to present prevention programs like stress management, suicide and violence prevention, and more. To schedule a presentation, contact Capt. Beverly Thomas or Staff Sgt. Jason Sharp at 634-1266. Theater briefings for Suicide Prevention for larger groups will be held the second Wednesday of every month.

**JUNKING VEHICLES:** All personnel junking vehicles—to include motorcycles and trailers—must pay the Japanese recycle fee. Any initial or re-registration

(JCI) of a vehicle will pay the recycling fee, good for the life of the vehicle. All currently-owned vehicles up for re-registration and initial registration must have proof of payment of the fee. Visit the Joint Services Vehicle Registration Office to pay, or call 645-7148/3963 for more details.

**POSTAL ADVISORY:** Recently, there has been a rash of confiscated items—counterfeit or black-market merchandise from Korea and other foreign countries—such as fake clothing brand names. These counterfeit items are not allowed entry into Okinawa through the Military Postal Service, and officials examine all incoming mail daily in accordance with the Sta-

tus of Forces Agreement. Call 634-3266 for details.

**BDU SHORTAGES CORRECTED:** All sizes of woodland battle dress uniforms and accessories at AAFES Pacific Military Clothing Sales stores will arrive within the next two months. The military supplier, the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, is aware of the shortages and is working to improve stock availability.

**KADENATAX CENTER:** The Tax Center, Bldg. 1460, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for walk-ins, and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 634-7784/9889 or e-mail tax.center@kade-

na.af.mil to make an appointment.

**GIRLS SCOUT VOLUNTEERS:** Girl Scouts Overseas is looking for motivated men and women to volunteer as a girl scout leader or help with running a camp later this year. To find out more information, or to volunteer, call 634-0753.

**BOMB THREAT:** 18th Security Forces responded to a bomb threat at Kadena High School shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday. Students were safely evacuated while SFS teams cleared the area with the aid of bomb-sniffing dogs. The incident affected traffic around the high school. No bomb was found and students returned to class around noon. The incident is under investigation.



(Center) Airman 1st Class Kristofer Sekely, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Senior Airman Andre Jackson, 18th LRS, offer water to athletes as Tomohide Sakuda, Class Melissa Cortes, 18th LRS, during the Okinawa Marathon Sunday. Hundreds of people volunteered to hand out water and fruit to athletes and cheer for them as they ran the race.

# Kadena takes part in Okinawa Marathon

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake  
18th Wing Public Affairs

More than 8,000 athletes from all over Japan and the international community ran through Kadena's gates Sunday during one of Okinawa's biggest marathons of the year--the Okinawa Marathon.

More than 80 Kadena residents also participated in the international race this year. An additional 24 Kadena athletes participated in the 10k race the same day.

The 42 km (approximately 26 miles) race began at Okinawa Comprehensive Park in Awase and eventually made its way in through Kadena's Gate 2 and out Gate 5.

Hundreds of Kadena volunteers came out to cheer on the runners and hand out fruit, drinks and water-soaked sponges to athletes.

John Barnett, an 18th Medical

Support Squadron captain, was one of Kadena's athletes running the race.

The Air Force Marathon runner said he got his biggest boost in the race while passing through Kadena and catching a glimpse of his children cheering him on.

"They come out to support me every year," the two-time Okinawa Marathon veteran explained. "Coming through Kadena always gives me a huge boost in morale."

Barnett finished the race at 3:10:00.

This year's top runner was Koji Koyanagi -- who finished the race at 2:27:48.

The Okinawa Marathon is the only marathon in Japan that includes a run through a U.S. military installation.

Kadena has been included in the race every year.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory

Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, shakes hands with Kadena Town Director of General Affairs Shiohara Yukichi near Gate 5 Sunday during the Okinawa Marathon.

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Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister offers a cup of water from Airman 1st Class to runners as they passed through Kadena briefly during the marathon.



Members of the Sokan Taiko Alumni group performed for athletes and spectators near Gate 5 Sunday.



Air Force/Capt. Carlos Diaz

**GO DAD!:** Joshua and Jennifer Barnett, eagerly wait for their father, Capt. John Barnett, 18th Medical Support Squadron, to pass by near Gate 5 Sunday. Dozens of people lined Gate 2 and Gate 5 to offer the athletes words of encouragement as they passed through the base. Capt. Barnett smiles after catching a glimpse of his children and the signs they made to encourage him (below left).

**PUSHING FORWARD:** Shawn Hnatko, husband of Capt. Crystal Hnatko, 18th Medical Operations Squadron, makes his way out Gate 5.

**ONELAST CHEER:** Staff Sgt. Latoya Settles, 18th Security Forces Squadron, and Senior Airman Veronica Arquette, 18th SFS, cheer on runners as they exit Gate 5 during the marathon Sunday.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chenzira Mallory



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## The Okinawa Perspective

*The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.*

□ Okinawa police officials noticed a spike in vehicle offenses last year. According to a 2004 report, Okinawa police made more than 8,000 drunk driver arrests during the year – a 68 percent increase since 2003. Administrative actions rose almost 13 percent from 2003, totalling more than 12,000 people. There was a 13.7 percent increase in the number of drivers license suspensions last year. More than 5,000 drivers had their licenses revoked for six months, and 730 drivers had their licenses revoked for less than three months.

□ The government of Japan is appealing a Naha District Court ruling that awarded ¥2.8 billion (about \$26 million) to 3,800 residents surrounding Kadena Air Base for health problems caused by base aircraft noise.

□ It has been nearly nine years since Japan and the United States agreed to relocate the MCAS Futenma mission to a site in waters off Henoko, near Okinawa's northern city of Nago. Though the government of Japan states that there is "no change at all" in the plan, the United States is becoming irritated over Futenma's delayed relocation. Meanwhile, local communities have voiced strong opposition to ideas of relocating Futenma's airfield functions to Kadena Air Base.

□ A U.S. citizen who was arrested for using counterfeit yen in Okinawa City last summer was sentenced to three years imprisonment by the Naha District Court - Okinawa City Branch.

□ More than 16,000 Okinawa high school seniors graduated from 62 Prefectural High Schools March 1.

□ Okinawa's floor hockey team founded by members of Team Kadena beat the U.S. team during the trial game of the Nagano Special Olympics Winter World Games Sunday. Ayako Kinjo, who works at Kadena Marina's dive shop, is head coach of the team. The Special Olympic Games end tomorrow.



Air Force/Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland

## A touch of Mother Nature

Ruby Freeland, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Richard Freeland and Staff Sgt. Maritza Freeland, both from the 18th Communications Squadron, touches a butterfly at Ryugujo Butterfly Garden. INSET: The garden has more than 2,500 butterflies for spectators to see and touch. To get there, take the Okinawa Expressway north into Nago and turn right onto Route 449. The garden is near Ocean Expo Park. Kadena Information Tickets and Tours offers discount tickets to the garden – ¥300 for adults and ¥150 for children. For more information, call 634-4322.

**Q : Why do Japanese people slurp their soup? Isn't that considered rude?**

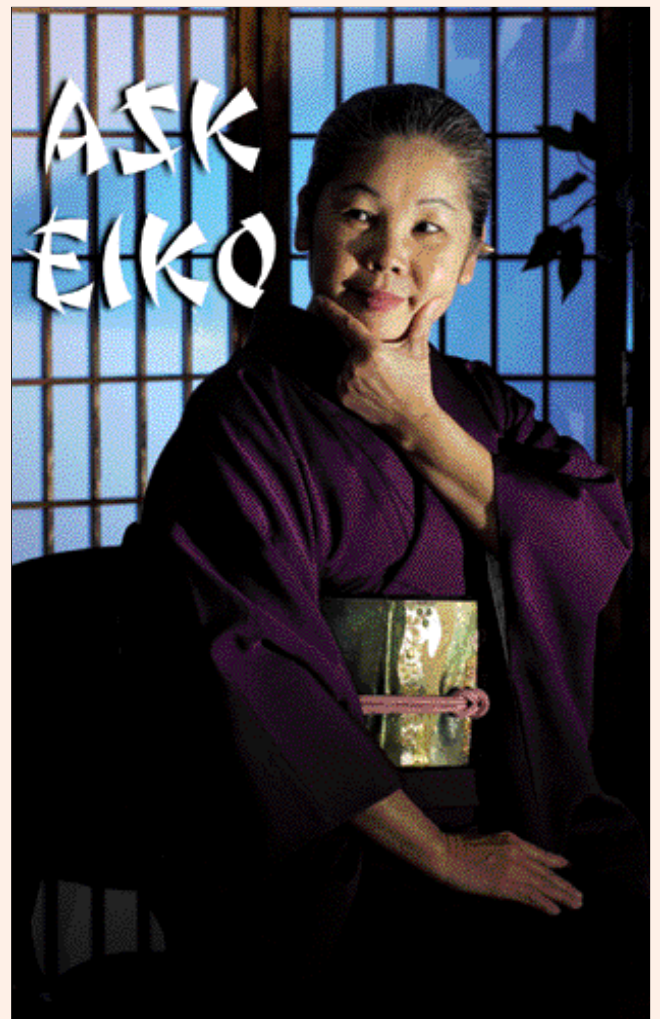
**A :** Customs evolve for a variety of reasons, many of them may seem very strange to Americans. Slurping soup is one of the stranger ones, but when you think of it, it is perfectly logical.

First of all, we do not slurp all soups, only noodle soup (Soba). And we don't slurp the soup itself, we slurp the noodles. We slurp the noodles to cool them off so they don't burn our mouths. This is similar to the western custom of blowing on one's food to cool it off, but instead of blowing the air out, we inhale the air to cool the noodles. Doing this while eating causes the slurping sounds.

Here's where the logical reason part comes into play. Soba stands and shops were traditionally very small, and people sat very close together. If there were any tables, they were very narrow. Since Soba noodles are quite long, when you use chopsticks and lift them out of the soup, they are literally dripping with the soup. Blowing on the noodles could very well result in soup spraying on other guests. That would be rude! We also believe it is rude to blow one's breath on someone else, so softly sucking air across the noodles became accepted as proper.

Slurping properly is not as easy as it sounds. The key is to softly inhale, but with enough force of air to cool the noodles enough to eat. Slurping too loudly is considered somewhat rude. Also, if you inhale too strongly, you face a couple of risks. The major risk is that you will inhale the liquid into your lungs, which is potentially dangerous to your health. The more common risk, and the one we find most humorous, is that you will slurp the noodles too fast and splash the juice all over yourself. Slurp too strongly and you may even find yourself being slapped by a Soba noodle.

Bottom line is that it is not rude to slurp your Soba, so slurp away ... just limit your slurping to Soba.



"Ask Eiko" is a forum for readers to ask Japanese cultural questions to Kadena's family support center's cultural awareness expert, Eiko Ishikawa. To submit a question, send an e-mail to: [ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil](mailto:ask.eiko@kadena.af.mil)

Today

**NIGHT OWL BINGO:** The Rocker NCO Club offers Night Owl Bingo from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**FIRSTFRIDAY:** Party all night long to R&B music at the Rocker NCO Club beginning at 9 p.m.

**ROCKERNCOCLUB:** De Ja Vu Fridays start at 5 p.m. with the Doctor followed by a variety of themes throughout the night.

**TASTEOTHEORIENT:** The Family Support Center offers a Taste of the Orient class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call **634-3366** for more details.

**CHALK IT UP:** The Kadena Youth Center will have a "Chalk it up" arts and crafts activity from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The event is open to all members ages 6-12. Call **634-0500** for more details.

**READBYMAIL:** Children can create their own book lists from more than 13,000 titles, read them and earn points and rewards for their efforts through the Kadena Youth Center's Read by Mail program. Call **634-0500** for more details.

**POWERHOUR:** Teens can do homework, read or pursue other educational activities to earn points. Call **634-3866** for more details.

**SACRED PLACES, SHRINES AND TEMPLES TOUR :** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**KUMON MATH :** Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more information.

**AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING :** Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll, or call **634-2290** for more information.

**VIRUS FRIDAZE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNOTE from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by Coyote Ugly Virus at 10 p.m. in the Lounge.

**DEJA VU FRIDAYS :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Variety with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by variety theme formats until closing.

Saturday

**SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS :** One hour sessions from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call **634-1387** for more details.

**MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS:** Learn the art of patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.

**DIGITAL ARTS CLUB :** Prepare for digital arts festivals, where members will be able to enter their original works in national competitions from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Teen Center. Call **634-3866** for more information.

**WHALE WATCHING TOUR :** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**HEARTS APART YELLOW RIBBON TOUR:** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**MINIATURE WAR-GAMING :** Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

**CHESS CLUB :** Play the game of strategy with other teens who share a love for chess at the Teen Center from 1 to 2 p.m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Latin Night in the Lounge at 9 p.m.

**ROCKER ST. PADDY'S DAY :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for the St. Patrick's Day membership night with a complimentary buffet-style dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by games and prize giveaways until 9 p.m. Members may bring one eligible guest, adults only. Top 40 dance begins at 9 p.m.

**VIRUS FRIDAZE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Soul 4 Real, Saturday R&B with DJ Nate Love and DJ Steel, and Kickin' It Country with DJ Hypnotic from 8

Fun with science



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

**Luke Ames, a Stearley Heights Elementary School 1st grade student, Stephanie Stebbins and Travis Stebbins (right), SHES 3rd grade students, test magnets to see if they will attract objects through barriers during the school's Science Day Seminar Feb. 24. More than 300 students and parents participated in the event.**

to 10 p.m. until closing.

Sunday

**OKINAWA FOLK TALES TOUR :** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**WHALE WATCHING TOUR :** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

**VIRUS FRIDAZE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Top 40 Meltdown with DJ Baby Girl and R&B, Hip Hop and Reggae with Nate Love at 7 p.m.

**PLANET VIBE SUNDAYS :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Planet Jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m.

Monday

**YOUTH BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING :** Register at the O'Connor Gym, for youth basketball and cheerleading, located in front of the Risner Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1384** for more information.

**ISHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME :** Be a volunteer and join the Teen Center Keystone Club Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and interact with Japanese youth. Activities include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons. Call **634-3866** for more information.

**CAKE DECORATING :** Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration and have your next birthday cake go from boring to brilliant from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

**JAPANESE CONVERSATION:** Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

**POWER HOUR :** The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

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**ROCKER :** Rock around the Clock with CNote from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

**BANYAN TREE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Video Variety with DJ LT from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday

**YOUTH BBALL AND CHEERLEADING:** Register at the O'Connor Gym for youth basketball and cheerleading located in front of the Risner Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1384** for more information.

**TAI CHI CHAUN :** Learn the Chinese art of Tai Chi Chuan which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

**DIGITAL ARTS :** Join the Kadena Youth Center in the Master Minds Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to learn about web design, graphic design, photo illustration, music and movie making. Call **634-0500** for more information.

**KARAOKE CONTEST :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for a karaoke contest in the Lounge from 7 to 11 p.m. for all club members. Each week two winners will be selected to compete in the grand final April 30 for a grand prize of \$500. Weekly winners will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Call **634-0740** for more information.

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**ROCKER :** Join the Rocker NCO Club for Krazy Karaoke with KJ QTO and LT from 7 to 11 p.m.

**BANYAN TREE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Rock It! with DJ Zacko from 7 to 10 p.m.

**RIB EYE TUESDAYS :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for charbroiled 8 oz. rib eye steak, baked potato bar, corn-on-the-cob, homemade rolls and butter and ice tea or coffee for just \$7.95 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

**LOVE MOTEL TOUR :** Call ITT at **634-4322**.

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**KEYSTONE CLUB :** Be a part of the Keystone Club and help make changes and improvements at the Teen Center from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**TORCH CLUB :** Join the Kadena Youth Center for this leadership-based club designed for Youth Center members ages 9 to 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Members will learn to work together to plan and implement activities in service to club and community, education, health and fitness, and social recreation areas. Call **634-0500** for more information.

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**DEEP GROOVE WEDNESDAYS :** Join the Rocker NCO Club with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School with the Doctor until closing.

**BANYAN TREE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Request Night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Thursday

**YOUTH BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING :** Register at the O'Connor Gym, for youth basketball and cheerleading, located in front of the Risner Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1384** for more information.

**HEALTH ROCKS :** Join the Kadena Youth Center in the Master Minds Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to learn life skills that prepare youth to make healthy lifestyle choices. The club is designed to engage youth and adults as partners in developing and implementing strategies to reduce tobacco, alcohol and illegal drug usage among teens. Call **634-0500** for more information.

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**JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY :** Bring Japanese words to life at this adult class form 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

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**RUB-A-DUB THURSDAYS :** Join the Rocker NCO Club with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Ladies Night with DJ Rob Ski until closing.

**BANYAN TREE :** Join the Banyan Tree Club for Fired Up Country with DJ TNT from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**FREE SALSA DANCE :** Learn the basics of salsa dance at the Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Complimentary light snacks will be provided. Open to club members 20 years of age and older only.

| MOVIES   |   |
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| <i>Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.</i> |   |
| <b>Keystone Theater</b>  |   |
| ▲ Today.....   | Pooh's Heffalump Movie, G, 7 p.m.<br>White Noise, PG-13, 9 p.m.                                   |
| ▲ Saturday.....  | Pooh's Heffalump Movie, G, noon<br>Fat Albert, PG, 4 p.m.<br>White Noise, PG-13, R, 7 p.m.        |
| ▲ Sunday.....  | Pooh's Heffalump Movie, G, noon<br>Fat Albert, PG, 4 p.m.<br>White Noise, PG-13, R, 7 p.m.        |
| ▲ Monday.....  | Constantine, R, 7 p.m.  |
| ▲ Tuesday.....   | Constantine, R, 7 p.m.  |
| ▲ Wednesday....  | White Noise, PG-13, 7 p.m.  |
| ▲ Thursday.....  | Hitch, PG-13, 4 p.m.  |
| <b>Butler Theater</b>  |   |
| ▲ Today.....   | Hitch, PG-13, 7 p.m.<br>White Noise, PG-13, 10 p.m.   |
| ▲ Saturday.....  | Fat Albert, PG, 1 p.m.<br>Fat Albert, PG, 4 p.m.<br>Hitch, PG-13, 7 p.m.<br>Hitch, PG-13, 10 p.m. |
| ▲ Sunday.....  | Fat Albert, PG, 1 p.m.<br>Fat Albert, PG, 4 p.m.<br>Hitch, PG-13, 7 p.m.<br>Hitch, PG-13, 10 p.m. |
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| ▲ Wednesday...   | White Noise, PG-13, 7 p.m.  |
| ▲ Thursday.....  | Constantine, R, 7 p.m.  |

| CHAPEL                      |   |
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| <b>Catholic</b>             |   |
| ▲ Monday through Friday     | : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.   |
| ▲ Saturday                  | : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.<br>Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.   |
| ▲ Sunday                    | : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.<br>Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.  |
| <b>Protestant</b>           |   |
| ▲ Wednesday                 | : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.   |
| ▲ Sunday                    | : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.<br>Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.<br>Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.<br>General Protestant, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.<br>Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday school, Bldg. 326 & Bldg. 327, 10:45 a.m. |
| ▲ Hindu service:            | Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.  |
| ▲ Eastern Orthodox service: | call 645-7486   |
| ▲ Jewish services:          | call 637-1027   |
| ▲ Islamic services:         | call 636-3219   |



Photos by Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



## Kadena High School wins Far East Tournament, 66-62

(Clockwise from above)  
**DRIBBLE:** Gary Wright (left), a Kadena High School 10th grader, dribbles down court for an opportunity to score during the Far East Basketball Championship at KDHS Saturday. The team competed against Yokota High School and pulled out a win with a score of 66 to 62.

**FOR THREE:** Darrel Womach (far left), a Kadena High School 11th grader, shoots a three-pointer during the Far East Basketball Championship. More than 700 people came out to watch the week-long tournament between 16 schools from all over the Pacific.

**LIFTOFF:** Zaire Jackson, a Kadena High School 11th grader, drives in for a lay-up during the Far East Basketball Championship Saturday.

# Sports Briefs

### TRACK COACHES NEEDED

The 2005 Kadena High School track team needs adult volunteer coaches with previous experience in running or field events. The track season runs until the end of April with practices held 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily. Call 634-1216 for more details.

### EXTRAMURAL TENNIS COACHES MEETING

Monday  
 Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

### FITNESS CHALLENGE

Monday

### Falcon Fitness Center

Join the Falcon Fitness Center for a fitness challenge that includes push-ups, pull-ups, crunches, a 1.5 mile run and a 300 yard shuttle run. Each participant must compete in each event and scores totaled will determine the winner.

### JAPAN-U.S. FRIENDSHIP BASEBALL GAMES

March 19  
 Chibana Recreation Area at noon  
 The American Consulate General in cooperation with Okinawa City, the Okinawa City International Association, the U.S. Parents Association, and the Organization of Japanese Coaches,

will hold the children's Opening Day Japan-U.S. Friendship Baseball (and softball) Games at noon at the Chibana Recreation Area. Six American and Japanese teams will play six games during the day.

### INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL COACHES MEETING

March 21  
 Falcon Fitness Center at 2 p.m.

### KADENA SOCCER CUP TOURNEY

April 1 - 3  
 McDonald Stadium

## Intramural Basketball Standings

| Division 1 |    |    | Division 2 |    |    |
|------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| TEAM       | W  | L  | TEAM       | W  | L  |
| 18 CMS     | 10 | 0  | 18 AMDS/DS | 10 | 0  |
| 18 SVS     | 8  | 1  | 353 OSS    | 9  | 1  |
| 18 AMXS    | 7  | 2  | 18 MOS     | 8  | 2  |
| 733 AMS    | 6  | 4  | 961 AACS   | 7  | 3  |
| 18 SFS     | 6  | 4  | 18 CES (B) | 6  | 3  |
| 18 CS      | 5  | 4  | 18 OSS     | 6  | 4  |
| 18 LRS (A) | 4  | 4  | 390 IS     | 4  | 6  |
| 18 CES (A) | 4  | 5  | 18 LRS (B) | 3  | 7  |
| 18 EMS (B) | 3  | 6  | 82 RS      | 3  | 7  |
| 18 CES (C) | 1  | 8  | 554 RHS    | 2  | 8  |
| VP-8       | 1  | 8  | 18 CONS    | 1  | 9  |
| 18 EMS (A) | 1  | 10 | 18 CES (D) | 1  | 10 |

Standings are current as of March 2